

REMARKS

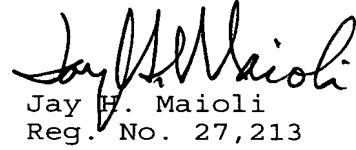
Claims 1-17 remain in the application with claims 18-26 having been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

By the cancellation of claims 18-26 Applicants have effectively elected for prosecution Group I comprising claims 1-17.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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